

Romantic Souls: Love in Vampiric and Supernatural Stories

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Abstract. Many have found that it is so important to investigate romance in vampiric writings that gather between horror and sympathetic lifestyle. Instead of presenting a terrifying Dracula who kills people to ensure his living, some vampires are presented to suffer and care about their victims. Similarly, many of supernatural stories of fairies and ghosts are marked by some angelic characters who, either sacrifice their life or be inseparable companion to their eternal love. To investigate such a kind of romantic relationship by, sometimes, horrible characters, the researcher focuses on love stories and tragic tales that are shared by vampiric and supernatural stories such as "*Interview with the Vampire*" by Ann Rice , and "*The Demon Lover*" by Elizabeth Bowen. In both stories love never loses its taste of unfulfilled longing in spite of the horrifying scenes of shedding blood and death. Hence, the researcher concludes that in all sorts of tales, existence is meaningless without romance.

In this paper, the researcher develops an interest in discovering the relationship that exists between romance and fear in Vampiric and supernatural stories. To the researcher, the topic takes a particular concern because it presents the conflict of being one of the both (good or evil). Hence, the theme encouraged readers to draw a line relation between humanity and supernaturalism. Accordingly, there will be a close connection with the psychological interpretations of who becomes under the influence of their own instinct.